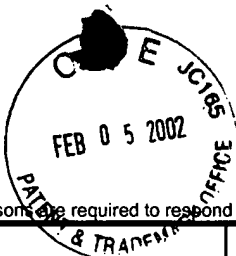


Please Type a plus sign (+) inside this box →



PTO/SB/08A (08-00)

Approved for use through 10/31/2002. OMB 0651-0031
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office: US DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no person is required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number.

Substitute for form 1449A/PTO INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT (use as many sheets as necessary)			Complete if Known		
			Application Number	09/682,255	
			Filing Date	August 9, 2001	
			First Named Inventor	Luis Esteban Prada	
			Group Art Unit	3627	
			Examiner Name		
Sheet	1	of	1	Attorney Docket Number	9D-DW-19324

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS						
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	U.S. Patent Document		Name of Patentee or Applicant Of Cited Document	Date of Publication of Cited Document MM-DD-YYYY	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
		Number	Kind Code ² (if known)			
CC	AA	3,997,201		DeSchaaf et al.	Dec. 14, 1976	
CC	AB	4,105,229		Kaldenberg	Aug. 8, 1978	
CC	AC	4,186,287		Scott	Jan. 29, 1980	
CC	AD	4,917,414		Boulanger	Apr. 17, 1990	
CC	AE	5,168,621		Kruck et al.	Dec. 8, 1992	
CC	AF	5,374,118		Kruck et al.	Dec. 20, 1994	
CC	AG	5,810,403		Prada	Sep. 22, 1998	
	AH					
	AI					
	AJ					
	AK					
	AL					
	AM					
	AN					
	AO					
	AP					
	AQ					
	AR					
	AS					
	AT					

RECEIVED
FEB 08 2002
GROUP 3600

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS								
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Foreign Patent Document			Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Date of Publication of Cited Document MM-DD-YYYY	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	† ⁶
		Office ³	Number ⁴	Kind Code ⁵ (if known)				
	FA							
	FB							
	FC							
	FD							
	FE							
	FF							
	FG							
	FH							
	FI							
	FJ							

Examiner Signature	<i>Carlos Lugo</i>	Date Considered:	<i>May 28, 02</i>
--------------------	--------------------	------------------	-------------------

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

¹Unique citation designation number. ²Applicant is to place a checkmark here if English language Translation is attached.

Burden Hour Statement: This form is estimated to take 2.0 hours to complete. Time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, D.C. 20231. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231.